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TOPICS FORM

Meeting Date:

To better assist you with your questions and concerns
please fill out this form with each issue you wish to discuss.

All forms are due 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the meeting.

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Topic Title: Water Sampling

Description: Testing Fresh Water and Salt Water to monitor the changes and document creating a Baseline Data bank, seeking Trainings and Funding sources to further our knowledge. These major changes have a chain reaction due to Climate Change effecting this precious Resource.

Training our staff and Tribal Membership helping to manage foreign pollutants from entering this fragile and essential Resource. Learning as much about Watersheds attending Trainings and Community Meetings with other stakeholders and Tribal Organizations.

To help the Tribes establish their Water Rights and manage this Natural Resource.

Learning about Phytoplankton and Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP), Ocean Acidification as they are a threat to our Traditional Way of Life and Wellbeing of everything that requires water to live.

Concern: There are changes in our water systems that are beyond our control, the best way to understand what is going on and protect this vital resource is to educate ourselves.

Requested Action: Requesting continued support and more funding to seek Trainings and supplies to help gather Data and Monitoring. To Allow the Tribes to make Water our #1 Subsistence Priority, giving us the right to manage and protect this vital resource.

EPA Response:

EPA agrees that increasing our understanding of the many threats to our water resources is extremely important, especially with a changing climate. EPA remains committed to assist tribes with developing and implementing programs that will protect water resources. Limited funding for this work will continue to be a concern due to circumstances beyond EPA's control, but GAP will continue to be a resource that tribes can use to develop the capacity for water protection programs, which will hopefully include the identification of additional funding sources to support this work.